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## **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

### Opposer Information

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Granted to Date of previous extension	03/14/2010
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### Applicant Information

Application No	77691822	Publication date	09/15/2009
Opposition Filing Date	03/15/2010	Opposition Period Ends	03/14/2010
Applicant	TEACHBOOK.COM LLC Suite 200 910 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL 60062 UNITED STATES		

## Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

### Class 038.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Providing on-line chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for transmission of messages among registered users concerning educational careers, general interest, classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, and transmission of photographic images; providing access to on-line computer databases and on-line searchable databases in the field of educational careers, general interest, classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, and transmission of photographic images

#### Class 042.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Design and development of computer hardware and software; computer services, namely, hosting on-line web facilities for others for organizing and conducting on-line meetings, gatherings, and interactive discussions; computer service in the nature of customized web pages featuring user-defined information, personal profiles and information

## **Grounds for Opposition**

Deceptiveness Trademark Act section 2(a)
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False suggestion of a connection	Trademark Act section 2(a)	
Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)	
Dilution	Trademark Act section 43(c)	

# Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3734637	Application Date	05/24/2007	
Registration Date	01/05/2010	Foreign Priority Date	NONE	
Word Mark	FACEBOOK			
Design Mark	FAC	CEBC	OK	
Description of Mark	NONE			
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use: First Use: 2006/08/00 First Use In Commerce: 2006/08/00			
	Software to enable uploading, posting, showing, displaying, tagging, blogging, sharing or otherwise providing electronic media or information over the Internet or other communications network			
	Class 038. First use: First Use: 2004/02/00 First Use In Commerce: 2004/02/00			
	Audio and video broadcasting services over the Internet or other communications network, namely, uploading, posting, showing, displaying, tagging and electronically transmitting information, audio, and video clips; providing on-line chat rooms, listservers, and on-line forums for transmission of messages among computer users concerning user-defined content; providing on-line chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for transmission of messages among users in the field of general interest			
	Class 041. First use: I	First Use: 2004/02/00 First U	se In Commerce: 2004/02/00	
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			se In Commerce: 2004/02/00	
	posting, showing, disp	ovider (ASP) featuring softwood playing, tagging, blogging, sh formation over the Internet o	naring or otherwise providing	
LLC Degistration	2044704	Application Data	02/24/2005	

U.S. Registration No.	3041791	Application Date	02/24/2005
Registration Date	01/10/2006	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		

Design Mark	FACEBOOK
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: First Use: 2004/02/04 First Use In Commerce: 2004/02/04
	providing an online directory information service featuring information regarding, and in the nature of, collegiate life, classifieds, virtual community and social networking
	Class 038. First use: First Use: 2004/02/04 First Use In Commerce: 2004/02/04
	providing online chat rooms for registered users for transmission of messages concerning collegiate life, classifieds, virtual community and social networking

U.S. Registration No.	3122052	Application Date	02/24/2005
Registration Date	07/25/2006	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	FACEBOOK		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: First Use: 2004/11/16 First Use In Commerce: 2004/11/16		
	providing an online directory information service featuring information regarding, and in the nature of, collegiate life, classifieds, virtual community and social networking		
	Class 038. First use: First Use: 2004/11/16 First Use In Commerce: 2004/11/16		
	providing online chat rooms for concerning collegiate life, class		

U.S. Registration No.	3659516	Application Date	08/29/2006
Registration Date	07/21/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		

Design Mark	FACEBOOK
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use: First Use: 2006/02/00 First Use In Commerce: 2006/02/00
	Clothing for men women, and children, namely, shirts, t-shirts, jackets, tops, sweat shirts, headwear, hats, caps

U.S. Registration No.	3716926	Application Date	03/07/2007
Registration Date	11/24/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	FACI	EBC	OK
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 018. First use: First Use	e: 2005/09/00 First U	se In Commerce: 2005/09/00
	Bags, namely, all purpose sports bags, all purpose carrying bags, bags and hold-alls for sports clothing, tote bags, book bags, carry-all bags, traveling bags; umbrellas; briefcase-type portfolios		
	Class 020. First use: First Use	e: 2005/09/00 First U	se In Commerce: 2005/09/00
	Picture frames		
	Class 021. First use: First Use	e: 2009/05/00 First U	se In Commerce: 2009/05/00
	Insulating sleeves for beverage portable can coolers; portable beverages		

U.S. Application No.	78962629	Application Date	08/29/2006
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		

Design Mark	FACEBOOK
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use:
	Clothing for men, women and children, namely, belts, coats, vests, blouses, jerseys, bottoms, shorts, pants, trousers, boxer shorts, dresses, skirts, neckties, scarves, bandannas, night gowns, night shirts, pajamas, loungewear, socks, sweaters, sweat pants, cummerbunds, aprons, sun visors; slippers

U.S. Application No.	77896312	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	fac	ebc	ok
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.		
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use:		
	Computer software development tools; Computer software for use as an application programming interface (API); Application programming interface (API) for computer software which facilitates online services for social networking, building social networking applications and for allowing data retrieval, upload, download, access and management; Computer software to enable uploading, downloading, accessing, posting, displaying, tagging, blogging, streaming, linking, sharing or otherwise providing electronic media or information via computer and communication networks		

U.S. Application No.	77896315	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		

Design Mark	facebook			
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.			
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use:			
	Marketing, advertising and promotion services; Market research and information services; Promoting the goods and services of others via computer and communication networks; Facilitating the exchange and sale of services and products of third parties via computer and communication networks; Online retail store services featuring delivery of digital media; Charitable services, namely, promoting public awareness about charitable, philanthropic, volunteer, public and community service and humanitarian activities; Contest and incentive award programs designed to recognize, reward and encourage individuals and groups which engage in self-improvement, self-fulfillment, charitable, philanthropic, volunteer, public and community service and humanitarian activities and sharing of creative work product			

U.S. Application No.	77896317	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	fac	ebo	ook
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.		
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use:		
	Financial transaction processing services, namely, clearing and reconciling financial transactions via computer and communication networks; Electronic processing and transmission of bill payment data for users of computer and communication networks; Electronic funds transfer services; Bill payment services; Financial exchange services, namely, providing a virtual currency for use by members of an online community via computer and communication networks		

U.S. Application No.	77896318	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	FACEBOOK
Design Mark	facebook
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.
Goods/Services	Class 038. First use:  Providing access to computer, electronic and online databases; Telecommunications services, namely, electronic transmission of data, messages and information; Providing online forums for communication on topics of general interest; Providing online communications links which transfer web site users to other local and global web pages; Facilitating access to third party web sites via a universal login; Providing online chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards; Audio, text and video broadcasting services over computer or other communication networks, namely, uploading, posting, displaying, tagging, and electronically transmitting data, information, audio and video images

U.S. Application No.	77896322	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	fac	ebc	ok
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.		
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use:		
	Providing computer, electronic and online databases in the field of entertainment and in the fields of secondary, collegiate, social and community interest groups; Photosharing and video sharing services; Electronic journals and web logs, featuring user generated or specified content; Electronic publishing services for others; Entertainment services, namely, facilitating interactive and multiplayer and single player game services for games played via computer or communication networks; Providing information about online computer games and video games via computer or communication networks; Arranging and conducting competitions for video gamers and computer game players		

U.S. Application No.	77896323	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority	NONE

	Date
Word Mark	FACEBOOK
Design Mark	facebook
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use:
	Computer services, namely, creating virtual communities for registered users to organize groups and events, participate in discussions, and engage in social, business and community networking; Computer services, namely, hosting electronic facilities for others for organizing and conducting meetings, events and interactive discussions via communication networks; Application service provider (ASP) services, namely, hosting computer software applications of others; Application service provider (ASP) featuring software to enable or facilitate the uploading, downloading, streaming, posting, displaying, blogging, linking, sharing or otherwise providing electronic media or information over communication networks; Providing an online network service that enables users to transfer personal identity data to and share personal identify data with and among multiple websites; Providing a web site featuring technology that enables online users to create personal profiles featuring social networking information and to transfer and share such information among multiple websites; Providing information from searchable indexes and databases of information, including text, electronic documents, databases, graphics and audio visual information, on computer and communication networks; Providing temporary use of non-downloadable software applications for social networking, creating a virtual community, and transmission of audio, video, photographic images, text, graphics and data; Computer services in the nature of customized web pages featuring user-defined or specified information, personal profiles, audio, video, photographic images, text, graphics and data

U.S. Application No.	77896325	Application Date	12/17/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FACEBOOK		
Design Mark	facebook		
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the word "FACEBOOK" in white letters with a blue background.		

Goods/Services	Class 045. First use:
	Social introduction, networking and dating services; Providing access to computer databases in the fields of social networking, social introduction and dating; Providing social services and information in the field of personal development, namely, self-improvement, self-fulfillment, charitable, philanthropic, volunteer, public and community services, and humanitarian activities

U.S. Application No.	78920347	Application Date	06/29/2006
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FBOOK		
Design Mark	FB	OO	K
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 038. First use:		
	and online directory informati regarding, and in the nature community, social networking	ion for registered use of, collegiate life, gen g; telecommunication ransmission services es; providing transmi y, to look up user pro- ers, post information v	eral interest; classifieds, virtual services, namely, worldwide, electronic message sending ssion services in relation to file information, search for

U.S. Application No.	77039127	Application Date	11/07/2006	
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE	
Word Mark	FBOOK	-		
Design Mark	FBOOK			

Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use:
	Computer software development tools for social networking, building social networking applications and for allowing data retrieval, upload, access and management; application programming interface (API) for third-party software and online services for social networking, building social networking applications and for allowing data retrieval, upload, access and management
	Class 038. First use:
	Providing access to computer databases; electronic transmission of instant messages and data
	Class 041. First use:
	Electronic publishing services, namely, publishing of online works of others featuring user-created text, audio, video, and graphics; providing on-line journals and web logs featuring user-created content
	Class 042. First use:
	Providing temporary use of non-downloadable software applications for classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, video sharing, and transmission of photographic images

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For the Trademark TEACHBOOK Published in the Official Gazette on Septem	,		
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### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Opposer Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"), a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 1601 California Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94304, believes that it will be damaged by the issuance of a registration for the mark TEACHBOOK (the "TEACHBOOK Mark"), as applied for in Application Serial No. 77/691,822 filed on March 16, 2009 by Applicant Teachbook.com LLC ("Applicant"), a Delaware limited liability company, with a mailing address at 910 Skokie Boulevard, Suite 200, Northbrook, Illinois 60062.

As grounds for opposition, Facebook alleges that:

1. Facebook is the world's leading provider of online networking services. Indeed, Facebook's website at <a href="http://facebook.com">http://facebook.com</a> has been recognized as among the top five most-trafficked websites of any kind in the world. The Facebook website allows computer users to communicate with existing friends, make new friends, organize groups and events and share their personal profiles, statuses, activities, photos, links and videos and to create online

communities of users with shared interests and connections. For all of the reasons further discussed herein, the FACEBOOK Marks, as defined below, are famous in connection with those services.

- 2. Facebook's services were first offered in 2004 as a networking site at Harvard University. Over the following year, 800 additional college networks were added in rapid succession. In 2006, access to the Facebook service was progressively expanded so that anyone with a valid email address could register as a Facebook user. Currently, Facebook is accessible not only through the Facebook website but also via mobile devices. As of February 2010, Facebook provides online networking services in over 70 languages to over 400 million active users worldwide, more than 200 million of whom typically log on to the Facebook website on any given day. The fastest growing demographic on the Facebook site is users over age 35—as of September 2009, more than two-thirds of Facebook users are age 35 or older.
- 3. Facebook provides tools for each of its users to create a personal web page (a "Profile Page") on which the user can choose to display personal information such as education, professional background, and contact information. In addition, Facebook provides on each Profile Page a means through which users can communicate with each other, including private messages that are sent directly to users' inboxes, similar to e-mail, as well as online real-time chat. Facebook users are also able to send items such as textual messages, links, photographs, or video on its own or another user's Profile Page and in private messages.
- 4. Facebook users are also able to update their status and send items such as textual messages, links, photographs, or video from their mobile devices such as the Blackberry and iPhone smartphones, among others. As of February 2010, there are more than 65 million active users accessing the Facebook service through their mobile devices.

- 5. Facebook provides a "Groups" feature which allows users to create and join groups focused on various topics, including business, common interest, entertainment and arts, geography, internet and technology, music, organizations, sports and recreation, and student groups. The Groups feature allows group members to participate on discussion boards and to upload, post and share photos, videos, and other media with other members of the group.
- 6. Worldwide, Facebook users spend an average of 55 minutes on the Facebook site each day. The Facebook site is regularly used for photo and video sharing, with more than 3 billion photos uploaded each month. In addition, the Facebook Platform allows for the creation of software programs such as tools and gadgets for personalizing and increasing the utility of user profiles, and interactive games. There are more than a million entrepreneurs and software developers worldwide who have created over 500,000 software programs (known as "applications") for the Facebook Platform.

#### FACEBOOK'S MARKS

- 7. Facebook is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration 3,734,637 for the mark FACEBOOK, which was filed on May 24, 2007 and issued on January 5, 2010, for the following goods and services:
  - in International Class 9: software to enable uploading, posting, showing, displaying, tagging, blogging, sharing or otherwise providing electronic media or information over the internet or other communications network (claiming a first use date of August 2006);
  - in International Class 38: audio and video broadcasting services over the internet or other communications network, namely, uploading, posting, showing, displaying, tagging and electronically transmitting information, audio, and video clips; providing on-line chat rooms, listservers, and on-line forums for transmission of messages among computer users concerning user-defined content; providing on-line chat rooms and electronic bulleting boards for transmission of messages among users in the field of general interest (claiming a first use date of February 2004);
  - in International Class 41: on-line journals, namely, blogs featuring user-defined content (claiming a first use date of February 2004); and

- in International Class 42: application service provider (ASP) featuring software to enable uploading, posting, showing, displaying, tagging, blogging, sharing or otherwise providing electronic media or information over the internet or other communications network (claiming a first use date of February 2004).
- **8.** Facebook is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration 3,041,791 for the mark FACEBOOK, which was filed on February 24, 2005, claims a first use date of at least as early as February 2004, and registered on January 10, 2006, for the following services:
  - in International Class 35: providing an online directory information service featuring information regarding, and in the nature of, collegiate life, classifieds, virtual community and social networking and
  - in International Class 38: providing online chat rooms for registered users for transmission of messages concerning collegiate life, classifieds, virtual community and social networking.
- 9. Facebook is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration 3,122,052 for the mark FACEBOOK, which was filed on February 24, 2005 and registered on July 25, 2006, also covering services in Classes 35 and 38.
- 10. Facebook is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration 3,659,516 for the mark FACEBOOK, which was filed on August 29, 2006 and registered on July 21, 2009, covering goods in Class 25.
- 11. Facebook is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration 3,716,926 for the mark FACEBOOK, which was filed on March 7, 2007 and registered on November 24, 2009, covering goods in Classes 18, 20, and 21.
- **12.** Facebook is also the owner of numerous pending U.S. applications to register marks consisting of or incorporating FACEBOOK or a variant thereof, including the following:
  - FACEBOOK word mark (Serial No. 78/962,629), filed on August 29, 2006 in International Class 25;
  - FACEBOOK logo (Serial Nos. 77/896,312, 77/896,315, 77/896,317, 77/896,318, 77/896,322, 77/896,323, 77/896,325), filed on December 17, 2009 in International Classes 9, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, and 45.

- FBOOK word mark (Serial No. 78/920,347), filed on June 29, 2006 in International Class 38; and
- FBOOK word mark (Serial No. 77/039,127), filed on November 7, 2006 in International Classes 9, 38, 41 and 42.
- 13. In addition, Facebook owns common law rights in the FACEBOOK mark, which has been continuously, prominently, and conspicuously in use on its website and other materials in interstate commerce in the United States since at least as early as February 2004. All of Facebook's marks that consist of or incorporate the term FACEBOOK or a variant thereof will hereafter be referred to as the "FACEBOOK Marks."
  - 14. The FACEBOOK Marks are inherently distinctive.
- 15. Facebook has been the subject of thousands of unsolicited stories in television, radio, and print media, highlighting Facebook's innovation and success in providing online networking services. Facebook has been recognized and awarded for its endeavors, including a listing in Nielsen's Top 10 Web Brands (ranking Facebook 4th overall and 1st by hours spent on the site per day) in September 2009; The Webby Award's "People's Voice Winner" for Social Networking in 2007; Harvard Business School's "Entrepreneurial Company of the Year" in June 2008; *Business Week*'s "The World's 50 Most Innovative Companies" in 2008; and The Crunchic Award for Best Overall Startup in 2008.
- 16. As a result of the nature and quality of Facebook's services, its widespread use of the FACEBOOK Marks, the extensive and continuous media coverage, the high degree of consumer recognition of the FACEBOOK Marks, Facebook's enormous and loyal user base, numerous trademark registrations and pending applications and other factors, the FACEBOOK Marks are famous within the meaning of Section 43(c) of the United States Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

#### APPLICANT'S USE OF THE TEACHBOOK NAME AND MARK

- 17. Applicant filed Application Serial No. 77/691,822 for TEACHBOOK ("TEACHBOOK Application") on an intent-to-use basis on March 16, 2009, for "[p]roviding on-line chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for transmission of messages among registered users concerning educational careers, general interest, classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, and transmission of photographic images; providing access to on-line computer databases and on-line searchable databases in the field of educational careers, general interest, classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, and transmission of photographic images" in Class 38 and "design and development of computer hardware and software; computer services, namely, hosting on-line web facilities for others for organizing and conducting on-line meetings, gatherings, and interactive discussions; computer service in the nature of customized web pages featuring user-defined information, personal profiles and information" in Class 42.
- **18.** The TEACHBOOK Application was published in the *Official Gazette* on September 15, 2009.
- 19. The services covered by Applicant's TEACHBOOK Application are nearly identical, and in most respects identical, to those provided by Facebook. For example, Applicant intends to provide social networking services, on-line chat rooms and electronic bulletins for transmitting messages among its registered users.
- **20.** Applicant claims on its website at TEACHBOOK.COM to be using its TEACHBOOK Mark in connection with "a professional community for teachers." Applicant touts on its website that TEACHBOOK is in effect Facebook for teachers: "Many schools forbid their teachers to maintain Facebook and MySpace accounts because of the danger that students

might learn personal information about their teachers. With Teachbook, you can manage your profile so that only other teachers and/or school administrators can see your personal information, blogs, posts, and so on."

- 21. The mark Applicant proposes to register, TEACHBOOK, is substantially similar to the FACEBOOK Marks. With respect to the TEACHBOOK mark, the term "teach" is generic of Applicant's services as it relates to an online networking service for teachers, while the term "book" is distinctive and arbitrary as used in connection with an online networking application. Thus, by combining the generic term "teach" with the dominant and inherently distinctive term BOOK, Applicant has created a mark that creates a misleading association with Facebook.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Applicant selected the TEACHBOOK Mark with knowledge of and intent to cause confusion or association with, and/or to capitalize on the enormous goodwill of, the FACEBOOK Marks.
- 23. Facebook is not affiliated or connected with Applicant or its services; nor has Facebook endorsed or sponsored Applicant or its services.
- 24. There is no issue as to priority of use. Facebook began using its FACEBOOK Marks, and enjoys priority as a result of the filing dates of its trademark registrations and applications, well prior to the filing date of the TEACHBOOK Mark.

### FIRST GROUND FOR OPPOSITION: LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

- **25.** Facebook incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 24, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. Applicant's TEACHBOOK Mark is confusingly similar to the FACEBOOK Marks in appearance, sound, and commercial impression. Both marks consist of a term combined with the term "book." The TEACHBOOK mark combines the generic term "teach"

with the distinctive and dominant term "book." Thus, the most distinctive and dominant component of the TEACHBOOK mark is identical to the distinctive "book" component of the FACEBOOK Marks.

- The services described in the TEACHBOOK Application are the same as or 27. closely related to the services offered by Facebook under the FACEBOOK Marks and identified in Facebook's trademark registrations and applications. According to the identification of services in its TEACHBOOK application, Applicant intends to use the TEACHBOOK mark in connection with online networking services, including "providing on-line chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for transmission of messages among registered users concerning educational careers, general interest, classifieds, virtual community, social networking, photo sharing, and transmission of photographic images," "computer services, namely, hosting on-line web facilities for others for organizing and conducting on-line meetings, gatherings, and interactive discussions; computer service in the nature of customized web pages featuring userdefined information, personal profiles and information." Applicant is using the TEACHBOOK Mark in connection with a service that provides the exact same online networking services provided by Facebook, but to a sub-set target audience of teachers and school administrators (who are already served on the Facebook website). Applicant's services are confusingly similar and/or identical to Facebook's online networking services. However, Facebook is not affiliated or connected with Applicant or its services, nor has Facebook endorsed or sponsored Applicant or its services.
- 28. The types of services identified in the TEACHBOOK Application and the types of services offered by Facebook under the FACEBOOK Marks are normally offered through the same channels of trade, namely, through an on-line website.

- 29. On information and belief, Applicant chose the TEACHBOOK Mark with knowledge of, and the intent to create an association with or create a likelihood of confusion with Facebook's services and the FACEBOOK Marks.
- 30. Accordingly, registration of the TEACHBOOK Mark will injure Facebook by causing the public to be confused or mistakenly believe that the services provided by Applicant are associated with, endorsed, or sponsored by Facebook. Facebook has no control over the nature and quality of the services offered by Applicant under the TEACHBOOK Mark, and Facebook's reputation and goodwill will be damaged and the value of the FACEBOOK Marks jeopardized, all to Facebook's detriment. Further, any defect, objection or fault found with Applicant's services marketed under the TEACHBOOK Mark would necessarily reflect upon and seriously injure the reputation that Facebook has established for the goods and services it offers in connection with the FACEBOOK Marks.
- 31. Accordingly, registration of the mark herein opposed will damage Facebook because Applicant's TEACHBOOK Mark is likely, when used on or in connection with the services described in the opposed application, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake or to deceive. Thus, the TEACHBOOK Mark is unregistrable under Sections 2(d) and 3 of the Trademark Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1052(d) and 1053, and should be refused registration.

# SECOND GROUND FOR OPPOSITION: DILUTION OF A FAMOUS MARK

- **32.** Facebook incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 31 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.
- 33. FACEBOOK is inherently distinctive in relation to Facebook's goods and services.

- 34. Facebook has used the FACEBOOK mark since at least as early as 2004 for online networking services, and has expanded use of the FACEBOOK Marks to many other goods and services, as evidenced by its applications and as alleged.
- 35. Facebook is the owner of numerous U.S. registrations and applications for the FACEBOOK Marks.
- **36.** Facebook and the FACEBOOK Marks have been the subject of extensive and continuous media attention.
- 37. Facebook has continuously used the FACEBOOK Marks throughout the United States and many countries around the world.
- 38. As a result of the considerable publicity afforded the FACEBOOK Marks and the enormous and loyal base of customers that Facebook has for its services, the FACEBOOK Marks have extensive consumer recognition.
- **39.** The FACEBOOK Mark became famous before Applicant's filing of TEACHBOOK Mark on March 16, 2009.
- 40. The dominant portion of the TEACHBOOK Mark is identical to the "book" portion of the FACEBOOK mark, and Applicant's use of the TEACHBOOK Mark is likely to cause dilution of the famous FACEBOOK mark. Applicant's use of the TEACHBOOK Mark in connection with online networking services will blur and weaken the connection in consumers' minds between the FACEBOOK mark and Facebook's goods and services, thereby diluting the distinctiveness of the famous FACEBOOK mark to Facebook's severe detriment.
- 41. Accordingly, Applicant's Mark is unregistrable pursuant to Sections 2(a)(d), 3, 13, and 43(c) of the United States Trademark Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1052(a)(d), 1053, 1063, and 1125, and should be refused registration.

Wherefore, Facebook prays that this Opposition be sustained, and that Application Scrial No. 77/691,822 be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby further certify that on the date indicated below, a true and correct copy of this Notice of Opposition was placed in the United States Mail, to be sent via express mail, addressed to the applicant and correspondent for the subject application as follows:

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